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For: IMAGE READING DEVICE AND)	Mail Stop Amendment
METHOD OF THE SAME)	

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed in this application on December 6, 2002 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of the listed document is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in C.F.R. § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$180.00** as specified by C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to **Deposit Account No. 50-0310**, for this Information Disclosure Statement under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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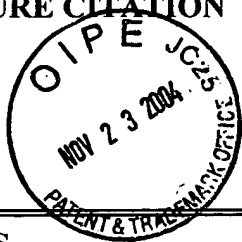
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